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Senator Boyce asked:

How can it be justified in the face of a projected 6.3% growth in the disability specific purpose payment to the States when an increase in service funding implies either an increasing level of vulnerability of existing service users or an increase in the number of vulnerable people with disabilities accessing services.

Answer:

The National Disability Agreement defines the growth factor for the National Disability Specific Purpose Payment (SPP) as the rolling five-year average of year-on-year growth in nominal gross domestic product. The growth factor is estimated to be 6.3 per cent in 2011–12.